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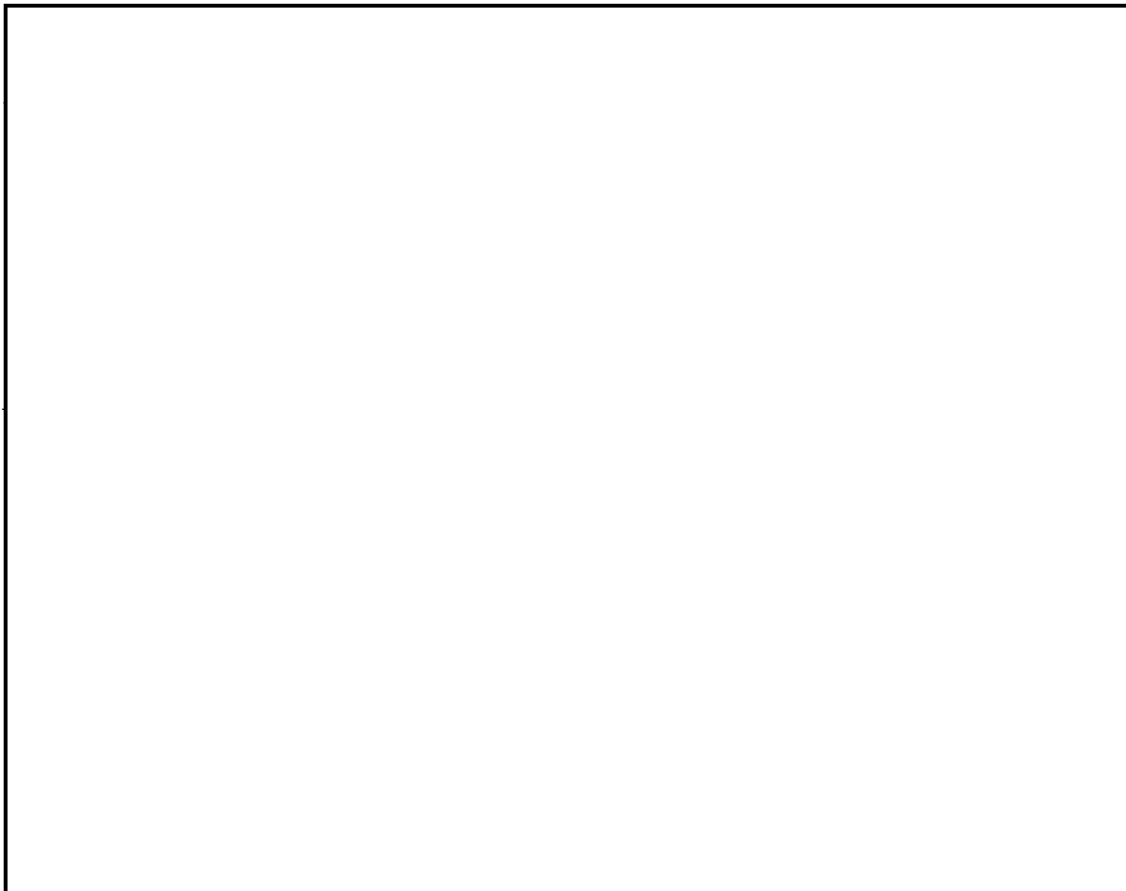
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary Brown,
13 December 1977

1. We discussed the Executive Order and the fact that it was nearing completion. I reported that I talked to the President about it in the morning so it looked like it was close to completion.

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2. We talked about the budget at length.



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c. We discussed the OMB "17" items and our strategy for dealing with them. Charles Duncan is going to call me after a session they have with McIntyre on Wednesday in which they hope to get some indication of how McIntyre intends to handle this type of decision. Brown's view is basically that if we are given a budget ceiling by OMB and freedom to move around within it we could also afford to compromise on some items and thus narrow the range of difference. If, however, everything we put in our budget ceiling is going to be subject to challenge, we probably should go in with the hard-line full program.

3. We discussed PRM-23 and requested that we be given a copy of what the SecDef was going to send in so that we could comment to the President if necessary. The Secretary indicated he hadn't yet received the full advice from his staff but they were thinking of omitting the national/tactical interface issue from this paper and handling it separately.

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